

MORSE CODE/CW  
ELEMENT 1 AMATEUR EXAM  
RULE CHANGE

To:Federal Communications Commission  
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Sirs: The current suggestion on eleminating the Morse Code/Telegraphy Element 1 Exam for Amateur radio operators in my belief will be more of a NEGATIVE than POSITIVE effect on Amateur radio communication as a whole. This current requirement of (5WPM) has been reduced from 13wpm & 21wpm for the Element 3 & 4 written exams for General Class & Extra Class privilages to work on the HF Spectrum.

The current test of 5WPM is the easiest level of showing MINIMUM standard of Code operation on the Amateur HF Bands. Although the current testing standards do not require correct ability of the other modes of RF communication, that's what the WRITTEN Elements are supposed to be for! The current Written test pool is a study of more MEMORIZATION of the correct answer to the multiple choice question than a true knowledge of correct station operation but, is NEEDED to SHOW MINIMUM proficiency for those MODES of operation. Without this testing the STANDARD of Amateur Radio Communications will be degraded even futher for this MODE and in some cases the others as well.

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